Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 103 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1965 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland) title "Fire Companies" and such other local laws pertaining to the subject matter of this Chapter as may have been heretofore enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, be and they are hereby repealed and re—enacted with amendments, said re—enacted Section to be known as Section 103 and to read as follows:

103. Appropriations; conditions.

The County Council of Wicomico County is hereby authorized to appropriate and levy annually a sum not to exceed [Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)] SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) to each of the several volunteer fire companies in said County, and to be used for the general maintenance of said volunteer fire companies in said County, including the purchase and repairing of fire apparatus and all other equipment of every kind and character; provided, however, that no payments shall be to any company or department which has made resolution or regulations limiting the territory within which it will respond to calls. THE COUNTY COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPROPRIATE AND LEVY NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY A SUM (\$1,000.00) TO EACH OF THE SEVERAL AMBULANCE COMPANIES IN COUNTY, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE TO ANY AMBULANCE COMPANY WHICH HAS ANY RESOLUTION OR REGULATIONS LIMITING THE TERRITORY WITHIN WHICH IT WILL RESPOND TO CALLS. Each volunteer fire company AND AMBULANCE COMPANY receiving any of the above funds shall an annual report to said County Council, giving a detailed statement of the expenditures of said fund or funds, and no payment shall be made to any volunteer fire AMBULANCE COMPANY until it shall OR submitted such report showing the expenditures of said for the preceding year. Any newly organized volunteer fire company in said County shall receive such appropriation only upon the written recommendation of the fire marshall of said County.

Said County Council is further authorized to appropriate and levy annually a sum to be paid to the City of Salisbury to be used for the support of the fire companies of said City.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act having been passed by the County Council of Wicomico County at its Legislative Session of June, 1973, shall take effect August 15, 1973, unless a proper petition for referendum thereof shall be validly filed prior to said